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# Cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions

## Note of the Secretary-General**

1. In paragraph 69 of its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to further enhance cooperation between relevant headquarters departments and regional commissions in order to ensure the quality of output and services to Member States and address the duplication and overlap of services, where they exist, and to improve the efficiency of programme support activities, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

2. In this regard, the attention of the General Assembly is drawn to the report of the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council of 6 May 2002 on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2002/15), which addresses the issue of cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions.

3. As regards the broader issue of further enhancing cooperation in order to ensure the quality of outputs and services and to address the duplication and overlap of services and to improve efficiency, this would be addressed in the report of the Secretary-General on reform proposals on the continued process of strengthening the United Nations, which is to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

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